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CHERRY MEADOW *** FARM

Catalog



WHAT YOU WANT, WE HAVE

FRAMINGHAM CENTRE, Massachusetts
Situated on Pleasant Street
(One mile west of Village)

*"And earth unto her leaflet tips
Tingles with the Spring."*

Greetings:

1926 finds us with more friends,
and better facilities to serve.

WE have extended our list of hardy perennials, and have on the way, more gorgeous larkspurs and more beautiful lupines than ever.

We are continuing with annuals because of the many repeat orders.

We are doing more and more work as garden consultants. We not only plan the flower garden and grounds, but in most cases do the planting as well, thereby insuring greater satisfaction, where a definite scheme is being undertaken.

We are in position to furnish all required trees and shrubs. Also, outdoor ferns in a number of varieties. We have most satisfactory business dealings with the finest rose growers in the United States and can furnish excellent stock in any variety of rose, including the more uncommon old-fashioned rose, such as Damask, Sweetbrier, Musk, Provence and Nitida, or our native wild rose. We are much interested in the new single Irish rose, so exceptionally lovely for cutting.

Our aim is to furnish the best in everything and to grow as many as procurable of the unusual plants which have real attractiveness and which prove hardy in our climate.

We shall hope for a personal visit from you and your friends, who are most welcome to stroll through our gardens, at any time.

Faithfully yours,

EDWARD AND OLIVE BELCHES

GROUP I

Annuals

We sell all annual plants in trays containing one dozen plants, priced unless otherwise noted at 50c per tray. We do not sell broken dozens, but we shall have a number of trays made up of mixed colors of a variety to please those who prefer mixtures.

We expect to have the finest annuals we have yet produced owing to improved facilities. The seeds from which these are grown are from the finest strains, selected by us after careful experimentation.

ASTER: *Chrysanthemum* — flowered (tall) in apple-blossom pink, rose, white, dark violet, lilac, dark lilac. This is a beautiful strain from France.

Heart of France — the new popular French red aster.

Southcote Beauty from England. Those who admire the quaint cottage garden single aster, so artistic for cutting, will appreciate this variety. Colors — purple, mauve, pink, white.

CORNFLOWER: True bachelor's button — bright blue only.

COSMEA (cosmos): We carry the early mammoth only, in white, crimson, lavender-pink, Klondyke yellow.

HELIOTROPE: Sweet-scented blue. 75c per tray.

LAVATERA, or ANNUAL MALLOW: *Sutton's Loveliness.* Rich rosy pink.

LARKSPUR: Choice shades — dark blue, sky blue, white, lilac, pink.

MARIGOLD: Large African in yellow and orange — Dwarf French, in mixture.

MIGNONETTE: Fine to tuck in with petunia.

PENTSTEMON: *Middleton Gem* — rich pink with pure white throat. We list this perennial with annuals, because it is in about the class with snapdragon as to hardiness and should be treated as an annual, since it is not reliable as a perennial, but too beautiful to omit. \$1.00 per dozen.

PETUNIA: We grow only the simple, single-flowered variety in white, Elk's Purple, and apple-blossom pink, from a reliable strain of seed. We do not grow the striped or ruffled kinds.

PHACELIA: Bright pure blue, bell-shaped flowers. Height 9 inches.

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PHLOX DRUMMONDI: We hope that you will share our enthusiasm for this most satisfactory annual — we think indispensable. We import from England seeds from a reliable strain in four colors — salmon-rose, white with violet eye, deep violet, and cream-buff or *cafe au lait*. The last named beautiful with purple petunia.

We offer the dwarf variety in white only, a very fine edging plant.

SALPIGLOSSIS: In choice mixture.

SNAPDRAGON: We grow the intermediate class, as we think for garden effect and cutting both this is the most satisfactory. Colors — bronze, bonfire, silver-pink, white, mauve, golden. 75c per tray.

SWEET SCABIOUS (Scabiosa): In mixture.

SWEET SULTAN: In mixture.

SUNFLOWER: Our English miniature sunflower met with applause. Pale primrose with dark centre on plant four feet high.

VERBENA: Pink and blue. Our blue strain was a beautiful sight in the several gardens in which we saw it in bloom last August and September. A revelation.

ZINNIA: The big double kind — in brilliant shades of orange, yellow and scarlet. The softer shades of salmon-pink or *Queen of the Roses*, white, buff, flesh. Very satisfactory.

GROUP 2

Spring Garden Offerings

We have made a most liberal reduction in hundred lots (fifty at same rate), to encourage really beautiful and satisfying plantings of these spring garden plants. You will be better satisfied to plant generously of these, because space does not figure — most of them may be dotted in ad libitum, some may be used for edging — *polemonium reptans* drifted in.

BELLIS PERENNIS (English Daisy): In pink, red and white mixed. \$1.00 per dozen, \$6.00 per hundred.

ALYSSUM SAXATILE (rock madwort or goldentuft): \$2.00 per dozen, \$12.00 per hundred.

ARABIS ALBIDA (white rock cress): Part shade or sun. \$2.00 per dozen, \$12.00 per hundred.

ARABIS ALPINA ROSEA (Alpine Rock Cress): Rose color. \$2.00 per dozen, \$12.00 per hundred.

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ERIGERON COULTERI (Large white, mountain daisy): \$2.00 per dozen, \$12.00 per hundred.

MERTENSIA VIRGINICA (Virginian cowslip): Beautiful among ferns in partial shade — flowers are rose bells changing to blue. \$3.00 per dozen, \$18.00 per hundred.

MYOSOTIS (VARIETY DISSITIFLORA): The best forget-me-not to plant among bulbs and spring flowering plants. \$1.75 per dozen, \$10.00 per hundred.

PANSY: We have grown our pansies this year from the best strain of seeds obtainable in this country — and can offer them in separate colors for special effects, such as purple, blue, white, yellow, orchid, and henna — and in choice mixture. We urge early planting of these in order to have the plants well established in your garden before they bloom profusely. 60c per dozen, \$3.50 per hundred.

PHLOX (creeping): We offer the variety known as "vivid" — the bright pink at \$2.50 per dozen, \$18.00 per hundred. Also, our specialty "Spring Dream" the most beautiful phlox. In color, gray-blue. — Our supply is limited and we have already many orders booked by those who saw this plant in bloom. With late cottage tulip "The Fawn" or "Moonlight," the effect is superb. Supply limited. 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

POLEMONIUM REPTANS: A beautiful plant with fern-like leaf and blue flower, character dwarf sub-trailing. Lovely — planted in drifts, with tulips.

VIOLA CORNUTA: These we raise from choice English seed in lovely apricot, shades of bronze, yellow, white and purple. A smaller class of tiny Ladies' Delights or Johnny Jump-ups also. \$2.00 per dozen, \$12.00 per hundred.

GROUP 3

Perennials

The price of perennials unless otherwise noted is 25c each, or \$2.50 per dozen.

ACONITUM (Monkshood): We carry two varieties for different seasons of bloom. \$2.50 per dozen and \$3.00 per dozen.

AGROSTEMMA CORONARIA (Mullein pink, or Rose Campion): Red, white. Silvery leaves.

ALYSSUM ARGENTEUM (Silvery Madwort): Yellow. June to early August.

ALYSSUM ROSTRATUM (Beaked Madwort): Yellow. Excellent rock plant.

ALYSSUM SAXATILE COMPACTUM: See Spring Garden Offerings.

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ANEMONE JAPONICA: Exquisite for autumn bloom. Single white. \$3.00 per dozen.

ANCHUSA ITALICA DROPMORE (Italian Alkanet): Brilliant gentian blue. \$3.00 per dozen.

ANTHEMIS TINCTORIA (Yellow Marguerite).

ARABIS ALBIDA: See Spring Garden Offerings.

ARABIS ALPINA ROSEA (Alpine Rock Cress): See Spring Garden Offerings.

ARMERIA (Sea thrift or seaside pink): We have a very pretty sort bearing bright pink blossoms. \$2.75 a dozen.

ASTER (Novae Angliae and Novi Belgii): This is the hardy fall aster, which we grow in the best shade of pink, mauve, purple, lavender and white.

ASTILBE (False Goat's Beard): We have select strains of white, and pink. 50c each or \$5.00 per dozen.

AQUILEGIA (Columbine): Our stock is particularly choice. We carry the long spurred, in white, pink and blue. Veitch's beautiful English hybrids, Chrysantha, the pretty yellow C. which blooms all summer, Canadensis, our native columbine, and Mrs. Nichols' blue and cream, an improved form of A. Coerulea. The last named 35c each, \$3.00 per dozen.

AUBRETIA DELTOIDEA (Purple rock cress): Variety Eyrei. Fine for rock garden. Color, dark violet.

BAPTISIA AUSTRALIS (Blue, wild or false Indigo): Blue pea-shaped flowers. June.

BELLIS PERENNIS (English Daisy): See Spring Garden Offerings.

BOCCONIA CORDATA (Plume poppy): For bold effects.

BOLTONIA ASTEROIDES: In lovely pink shade.

CAMMASSIA (Wild hyacinth): \$3.50 per dozen.

CAMPANULA (Bellflower): Single canterbury bell in mauve, pink, white, at \$1.50 per dozen. Glomerata, or clustered bellflower. Persicifolia or peach-leaved bellflower, including variety "Telham Beauty," Platycodon or Japanese bellflower, Pyramidalis or Chimney bellflower, Rotundifolia or bluebells of Scotland or English hairbell; Latifolia or Great Bellflower, Lactiflora or Milk white bellflower, Garganica or Gargano's Hairbell, a rock plant from the Italian Mountains. The last named \$3.00 per dozen.

CARNATION: Grenadin Scarlet, Salmon-pink, and Sutton's Prize border. These are a success, being hardy and prolific bloomers.

CASSIA MARYLANDICA (Wild senna): Fine roadside plant.

CATANANCHE COERULEA (Blue Succory).

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CENTAUREA BABYLONICA (Babylonian Centaury): 6 to 12 ft. yellow.

CENTAUREA MACROCEPHALA (Knapweed or Showy centaury): Yellow bloom.

CENTAUREA MONTANA (Mountain bluet or cornflower)

CEPHALARIA (Roundheads): \$3.50 per dozen.

CHRYSANTHEMUM: We carry the button variety in best autumn colors, the loose-flowered ones in mixture, all early or midseason,— we have given up the late ones, as our climate is unsuited for these. We have the ox-eyed daisy and the lovely white Mrs. E. Lowthian Bell for summer bloom.

COREOPSIS (Tickseed): Beautiful with larkspur.

DELPHINIUM (Larkspur): We grow the Belladonna, light blue, Bellamosum bright blue, Pudor's Puget Sound specialties, which are rare, Kelway & Son's most gorgeous English novelties from Kelway's own seed, and other select kinds which we have developed. The striking Yale blue Chinese larkspur and the white, we highly recommend to follow the other larkspur, thus furnishing the garden with a sequence of striking blue color—the white effective mixed with the orange-scarlet Iceland poppy. The Belladonna, Bellamosum and Chinese Larkspurs are all priced at 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen. The other specialties are from \$3.50 to \$6.00 per dozen.

DIANTHUS PLUMARIUS (Scotch pink): The old clove-scented garden pink.

DICTAMNUS FRAXINELLA (Gas plant or Dittany): 40c each, \$4.00 per dozen.

DIGITALIS (Foxglove): The new Giant Shirley in mixture, also white, pink, primrose, rust, all at \$2.00 per dozen.

ERIGERON COULTERI (Large white mountain daisy): See Spring Garden Offerings.

ERYNGIUM AMETHYSTINUM (Amethyst sea holly): Lovely border plant for massing.

ERYNGIUM PLANUM: BLUE. July and August.

ERYNGIUM OLIVERIANUM: The best—beautiful steel blue blossoms which are effective cut with pink, salmon, or yellow roses. \$3.50 per dozen.

ECHINOPS (Globe thistle): Effective massed with pink phlox.

EUPATORIUM AGERATOIDES (white snakeroot): We consider this more satisfactory than variety Fraseri.

EUPATORIUM COELESTINUM (Mistflower): Lovely lowgrowing plant with bloom of blue similar to Ageratum.

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GAILLARDIA (Blanket flower): We have choice strains of this, both in the usual red and yellow, and in shades of light straw with deep rose zoning.

GEUM (Chiloe Avens) Mrs. Bradshaw. Brilliant orange-scarlet. \$3.00 per dozen.

GILLENA TRIFOLIATA (Bowman's root): A woodsy plant suitable to interplant with lilies.

GLOBULARIA TRICHOSANTHA (hairy flowered globe daisy): Good for rock garden. Moist, half shady, well drained position. 35c each, \$3.00 per dozen.

GYPSOPHILA ACUTIFOLIA (pointed leaved chalk plant).

GYPSOPHILA PANICULATA (Baby's breath): The double is best in this, the effect of the plant in bloom being whiter and foamier. Allow four-foot spread. 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

GYPSOPHILA REPENS (Creeping chalk plant): Excellent rock plant, thriving in fairly dry garden soil, in full sun. 35c each, \$3.00 per dozen.

HELENIUM AUTUMNALE (sneezeweed): Yellow; Autumnale rubrum — tapestry shades; Riverton Gem — old gold.

HELIANTHEMUM (Rock rose): A satisfactory plant to tuck in against rocks, for it adapts itself at once. 35c each, \$3.00 per dozen.

HEMEROCALLIS (Day lily): In several varieties.

HEUCHERA (Coral bells): We grow the true coral red. 35c each, \$3.50 per dozen.

HESPERIS MATRONALIS (Sweet rocket, or Dame's violet): \$2.00 per dozen.

HIBISCUS (Rose mallow): Colors rich red, shrimp pink.

HOLLYHOCK: We grow the old single variety in mixed shades. A most beautiful strain which originated in Queen Victoria's Gardens.

IBERIS JUCUNDA (Mt. Lebanon candytuft): Sandy soil necessary.

IRIS: **GERMAN**, **SIBERIAN** and **JAPANESE**: We have these in many lovely colors, priced according to variety.

LAVANDULA VERA (True lavender).

LATHYRUS LATIFOLIUS (Perennial pea): We have fancy strains of this.

LIATRIS PYCNOTACHYIA (Dense blazing-star): Fine for massing.

LIGULARIA JAPONICA (Japanese Groundsel): Bog plant. \$3.50 per dozen.

LINUM PERENNE (Blue flax): A charming true blue flower. 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

LOBELIA CARDINALIS (Cardinal-flower or Indian pink): Our favorite native — rich, moist soil — either sun or shade.

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LYCHNIS CHALCEDONICA (London pride, scarlet lightning, Jerusalem Cross).

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LYCHNIS HAAGEANA (Shaggy Lychnis): Nasturtium shades.

LYTHRUM ROSEUM: Perry's variety only. \$3.00 per dozen.

LUPINUS (Lupine): This is one of our specialties — which we grow in choicest hybrids and named varieties.

MERTENSIA VIRGINICA (Virginian Cowslip): See Spring Garden Offerings.

MYOSOTIS DISSITIFLORA: See Spring Garden Offerings.

MYOSOTIS SEMPERFLORENS: The true water forget-me-not.

MALVA MOSCHATA (Musk mallow).

MONARDA DIDYMA (Bee Balm, Bergamot, Oswego tea): Cambridge scarlet.

MORINA LONGIFOLIA (Whorl flower): Half-shade, \$3.50 per dozen.

NEPETA MUSSINI (Mussin's Catmint): Use for edging.

OENOTHERA LAMARCKIANA (Evening primrose): 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen.

PACHYSANDRA TERMINALIS (Spurge): Ground cover.

PAPAVER NUDICAULE (Iceland poppy): A gem — it loves a breezy slope in full sun. Orange-scarlet, yellow or white. \$2.00 per dozen.

PAPAVER ORIENTALE (Oriental poppy): Beauty of Livermore, Perry's pink, Apricot Queen and Perry's white.

PAPAVER PILOSUM (Hairy-stemmed poppy): Apricot.

PENTSTEMON "MIDDLETON GEM": See Annuals.

PENTSTEMON BARBATUS TORREYI: Hardy, similar to scarlet which we also have, but taken from shades of shell pink, which should produce some attractive hybrids.

PHLOX SUBULATA: See Spring Garden Offerings.

PHLOX DECUSSATA: We plan to carry the varieties which we consider the best as to color and habit of growth — in pink, lavender, white, crushed strawberry. These are mostly \$2.50 per dozen with the exception of one or two recent introductions, such as Milly Van Hoboken and Deutschland which are \$3.50 per dozen.

PHYSOSTEGIA VIRGINIANA (Obedient plant, False dragonhead, Lion's heart).

PLUMBAGO (Blue flowered leadwort): Cobalt blue, edging plant of much merit.

POLEMONIUM COERULEUM (Jacob's Ladder): Thrives best in part shade. Very satisfactory.

POLEMONIUM REPTANS: See Spring Garden Offerings.

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POTENTILLA (Cinquefoil): We grow French Hybrids. 35c each.

PRIMULA POLYANTHA (Polyanthus): Munstead strain.

PYRETHRUM ROSEUM: Daisy like flowers, from carmine, through pink to white.

PYRETHRUM ULIGINOSUM (Giant Daisy): White.

RUDBECKIA PURPUREA: Giant purple coneflower. Very artistic.

SALVIA PATENS: True blue.

SALVIA AZUREA: Pale blue.

SCABIOSA CAUCASICA: Lovely lavender blue.

SEDUM: We carry two sedums, stoloniferum — a trailing rock plant, and spectabile for mass planting.

SILPHIUM PERfoliata: (Cup plant, Indian cup, or Compass plant).

STACHYS LANATA (Wooly woundwort): Silvery foliage.

STATICE LATIFOLIA (sea lavender).

STOKESIA (Stokes's aster): 30c each, \$3.00 per dozen.

SWEET WILLIAM: Of this we have the finest strain that can be bought in your choice of color. Shades of light pink, watermelon pink, rich crimson and white. \$1.75 per dozen.

THALICTRUM (Meadow rue): Varieties, Dipterocarpum, aquilegiafolium, adiantifolium, glaucum, all \$2.50 per dozen, excepting dipterocarpum which is \$3.50 per dozen.

THERMOPSIS CAROLINIANA: Erect lupine-like plant.

TIARELLA CORDIFOLIA (Foam flower): Half shade or shade.

TROLLIUS EUROPAEUS (Mountain globe-flower): Orange and yellow. Very choice, stock scarce. 70c each, \$6.00 per dozen.

VALERIANA COCCINEA (Red garden heliotrope): Old rose. \$1.50 per dozen.

VERBASCUM (moth mullein): "Miss Willmott," white.

VERONICA INCANA: Silvery foliage, blue flower, low grower.

VERONICA: "True blue" long-blooming season — stock limited. \$3.00 per dozen.

VERONICA LONGIFOLIA (Speedwell): Lovely among hollyhocks.

VERONICA LONGIFOLIA SUBSESSILIS: Bright blue, late August.

VIOLA CORNUTA (Tufted pansy): See Spring Garden Offerings.

VIOLA G. WERMIG: A most satisfactory blue-purple violet, with an astonishingly long season of bloom, from tulip time to freezing. \$3.00 per dozen, \$20.00 per hundred.

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Mr. Belches is making stepping-stones in attractive colors and interesting shapes to supply a discriminating demand for artistic garden walks and lawn paths.

If you are in need of any such requirements, write to Mr. Belches for further particulars, or better still make an appointment to talk things over with him.

Business Hours

This year we are adopting definite hours of business, which are from nine in the morning to half past five in the afternoon.

Sunday we shall observe as a day of rest, and shall omit all business.

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